

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JAMES D. WILLIAMS, et al.

Case No. 18 CR 339

Judge John Robert Blakey

**PROTECTIVE ORDER GOVERNING DISCOVERY**

Upon the unopposed motion of the government, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d), it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Certain materials exchanged by the parties, provided by the United States, or produced by third parties, in preparation for, or in connection with the proceedings in this case contain particularly sensitive information. Such sensitive information includes, but is not limited to, banking information and financial information related to one or more defendant and/or third parties.

2. All materials containing sensitive information (the “Materials”), including those previously produced in this case, are subject to this protective order and may be used solely in connection with the defense of this case, and for no other purpose, and in connection with no other proceeding, without further order of this Court.

3. The Materials shall be plainly marked as sensitive or protected prior to disclosure. No such Materials, or the information contained therein, may be disclosed to any person other than defendants, counsel for defendants, persons employed to assist the defense, authorized persons discussed below, or the person to whom the sensitive information solely and directly pertains, without prior notice to the government and authorization from the Court. Absent prior permission from the

Court, information marked as sensitive or protected shall not be included in any public filing with the Court, and instead shall be submitted under seal (except if a defendant chooses to include in a public document sensitive information relating solely and directly to the defendant).

4. Defendants and defendants' counsel shall not disclose the Materials or their contents directly or indirectly to any person or entity other than persons employed to assist in the defense, persons who are interviewed as potential witnesses, counsel for potential witnesses, and other persons to whom the Court may authorize disclosure (collectively, "authorized persons"). Potential witnesses and their counsel may be shown copies of the Materials as necessary to prepare the defense, but may not retain copies without prior permission of the Court.

5. Defendants, defendants' counsel, and authorized persons shall not copy or reproduce the Materials except in order to provide copies of the Materials for use in connection with this case by defendants, defendants' counsel, and authorized persons. Such copies and reproductions shall be treated in the same manner as the original Materials.

6. Defendants, defendants' counsel, and authorized persons shall not disclose any notes or records of any kind that they make in relation to the contents of the Materials, other than to authorized persons, and all such notes or records are to be treated in the same manner as the original Materials.

7. Certain materials containing sensitive information produced by the government to defendants' counsel shall not be provided to defendants or anyone else

(“Attorney Only Materials”). The Attorney Only Materials shall be plainly marked by the government prior to disclosure. Neither the Attorney Only Materials nor the information contained therein may be disclosed to any persons other than counsel for defendants (defined as counsel of record in this case) or investigators employed by defendants’ counsel to assist the defense, without prior notice to the government and authorization from the Court. Absent prior permission from the Court, the Attorney Only Materials shall not be included in any public filing with the Court, and instead shall be submitted under seal. Defendants’ counsel and authorized persons shall not copy or reproduce the Attorney Only Materials except for use in connection with this case by defendants’ counsel and authorized persons. Such copies and reproductions shall be treated in the same manner as the original materials.

8. Before providing Materials or Attorney Only Materials to an authorized person, defense counsel must provide the authorized person with a copy of this Order.

9. Upon conclusion of all stages of this case, all of the Materials and Attorney Only Materials and all copies made thereof shall be disposed of in one of three ways, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The Materials and Attorney Only Materials may be (1) destroyed; (2) returned to the United States; or (3) retained in defense counsels’ case files. The Court may require a certification as to the disposition of any such materials. In the event that the materials are retained by defense counsel, the restrictions of this Order continue in effect for as long as the materials are so maintained, and the materials may not be disseminated or used in connection with any other matter without further order of the Court.


10. To the extent any Materials or Attorney Only Materials are produced by the United States to defendants or defendants' counsel by mistake, the United States shall have the right to request the return of the materials and shall do so in writing. Within five days of the receipt of such a request, defendants and/or defendants' counsel shall return all such materials if in hard copy, and in the case of electronic materials, shall certify in writing that all copies of the specified materials have been deleted from any location in which the materials were stored.

11. The restrictions set forth in this Order do not apply to documents that are or become part of the public court record, including documents that have been received in evidence at other trials, nor do the restrictions in this Order limit defense counsel in the use of discovery materials in judicial proceedings in this case.

12. Nothing contained in this Order shall preclude any party from applying to this Court for further relief or for modification of any provision hereof.

Dated: October 2, 2018

Entered:

  
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John Robert Blakey  
United States District Judge